ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES.

OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BOILING SPRING BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Union Church, Clay County, Ala.

Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 1, 1891.

OFFICERS.

W. M. GARRETTE, Moderator.....Oaklone, Ala.
J. H. FULLERTON, Clerk.....Delta, Ala.
A. M. SMITH, Treasurer.....Rocky Mt., Ala.

The next session of this body will be held with Mt Moriah Church, Clay County, Ala., on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1892.

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FIRST DAY.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1891, the Boiling Spring Baptist Association convened its thirty-second annual session with Union Church, Clay County, Ala., at 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Preston, followed by Rev. T. H. Howle, from Matthew 28th ch., and 19th and 20th verses; "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Adjourned for refreshments.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the mesengers assembled in the church were called to order by Rev. W. M. Garrette (former Moderator), and after singing "Come we that love the Lord," were led in prayer by Rev. W. A. Scott.

Moderator requested brethren J. M. Snow, T. J. Mitchell and J. F. Preston to receive and Revs. T. H. Howle, J. C. Taylor and J. H. Fullerton to read the church letters.

The Moderator requested Bro. J. A. Shadix, Jr. and —— Johnson to preach at the stand at 3 p. m.

Messengers were enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—William Humphries, John M. Snow, W. N. Bean.

Bethel—J. C. Wade, J. W. Hooten, A. D. Morrison.

Bethsaida—Stephen Nixon, E. T. Abel. J. M. Duffy, A. J. Smith.

Bethany—J. T. Thrower, T. C. Thrower.

Corinth—C. M. Campbell, W. D. Hendon.

Christiana—M. Z. Prestige, T. M. Hays, Jessie Duke.

Good Hope—Isaac Haynes, C. C, McClintock, W. E. Reagan, A. P. Jenkins.

Heflin—J. C. Bean, J. P. Bedwell.

Hepsabah—J. H. Howle, C. D. Flemmond, J. F. Cain.

Lime Hill—W. G. Raughton, S. Vinson, W. Pointer.

Mt. Moriah—E. F. Lester, F. M. Dempsey, A. M. Smith, J. F. Preston.

Mt. Olive—J. T. Thompson, F. C. Fulton, J. W. Clarke.

New Hope—J. W. Hewette, J. G. Brimer, L. T. Johns, Z. T. Boozer.

New Home—C. M. G. Smith, T. J. Mitchell, D. H. Stephens.

New Harmony—S. I. McDowell, E. J. Reid, H. N. Watson.

Pleasant Hill—N. T. Beason, S. W. Stewart, J. M. Brown, W. R. Ellis.

Pleasant Grove—F. J. Ford, C. H. Mason, J. N. Price.

Providence—J. T. Millsaps, J. W. Hinson.

Pine Grove—C. J. Crowder, W. Odum.

Ramah—S. B. Smith, J. H. Fullerton, T. J. McClintock.

Salt Creek—A. Adams, Wm. Nall, E. H. Stansell.

Union—J. A. Dover, J. H. Dempsey, J. F. Shadix, G. B. Shadix.

Mt. Pisgah—W. J. M. Odell, W. F. Reeves.

Called the roll. The Moderator announced a quorum present and a permanent organization in order.

Brethren W. A. Scott and W. P. Bell were requested to act as tellers in the election of officers.

Rev. W. M. Garrette was re-elected Moderator, J. H. Fullerton elected Clerk.

The Moderator, on accepting, announced the body organized and ready for business.

Read the Rules of Decorum.

On motion of W. H. Preston adopted the former order of business.

An invitation was given to churches desiring membership with this body.

Brethren W. H. Medlock, Lee Rayne, Thos. Nall and W. J. Adams, presented a letter from the First Missionary Baptist Church of Christ at Jenifer, Ala., which was received as a member of this body.

Appointed as committee on devotional service, W. N. Bean, E. F. Lester and J. C. Wade to confer with the deacons of Union Church.

Called for correspondents and received Brethren W. P. Bell, W. A. Scott, Henry Smith and A. B. Jordan, from the Carey Association.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled by adding as follows:

Home Missions—E. Miller, A. M. Smith, T. J. Mitchell.

State Missions—J. M. Barrette, S. W. Stewart, W. E. Reagan.

Called for report of standing committees.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by T. H. Howle, chairman.

On motion of J. C. Bean, suspended the regular order of business to consider the propriety of setting a time to discuss the three mission reports, and designated the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow for said discussion.

Wednesday at 11 o'clock was fixed as the hour for the missionary sermon to be preached.

On motion of Bro. T. H. Howle the devotional committee were requested to appoint some brother to preach the missionary sermon.

Committee on devotional service reported that Revs. W. J. Campbell and J. M. Barrette would preach at 7 p. m.; Revs. W. A. Scott and J. D. Johnson at 9 o'clock in the morning; Revs. W. M. Garrette and J. C. Taylor to preach the missionary sermon.

After prayer by Bro. J. C. Taylor, the body adjourned to Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by E. Miller. Report on Destitutions was read by J. A. Shadix. On motion of J. D. Johnson the report was amended so as to leave off Chulafinne Church as being destitute. On motion the report was recommitted.

Suspended the regular order of business and renewed the call for correspondents, and received Rev. W. T. Davis from the Carey Association. Resumed the regular order of business.

Report on Home Missions was read and recommitted.

Brethren T. H. Howle and J. C. Bean were added to the committee.

Report on State Missions was read and recommitted. Brethren J. F. Preston and J. C. Taylor were added to the committee.

Moderator announced the hour of the day in order.

On Motion 2 p. m. was set for discussing the mission reports.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read by J. C. Taylor and adopted. [See Appendix A.]

Report on Temperance was read by W. H. Preston chairman. After discussion by J. D. Johnson, T. H. Howle, W. P. Bell, J. M. Snow, J. C. Taylor and W. T. Davis, was adopted. [See Appendix B.]

Moderator announced that the hour for preaching the Missionary Sermon had arrived.

After adjournment of the body, the messengers, with a large concourse of people, repaired to the stand, and after singing "Am I a soldier of the cross?" and reading the 24th Psalm, were ably entertained by Revs. W. M. Garrette and J. C. Taylor, on the subject of Missions, from Romans 12th chapter, 1st verse, "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercy of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice," &c.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The messengers reasembled in the house and sang "Jesus lover of my soul." Were led in prayer by W. H. Preston.

Appointed a committee on Finance, viz: J. F. Preston, W. R. Ellis, W. E. Reagan.

The regular order of business was suspended and Bro. J. H. Edmondson, from Arbacoochee Association, was received as correspondent.

Devotional committee reported Revs. W. A. Scott and E. Miller to preach at 2 p. m., and Revs. W. T. Davis and T. H. Howle at 7 p. m.

Report on State Missions was read by J. M. Barrette.

Report on Home Missions was read by A. M. Smith, and after discussion by brethren J. H. Edmondson, J. C. Bean, W. T. Davis and W. M. Garrette, the three mission reports were adopted. [See Appendices E, F and G.]

Suspended the regular order of business that the churches might be called and pledges given from each church of how much they will try to raise for Missions by the next session of this body.

	Amt. pledged.		Amt. pledged.
Bethlehem	$10.00	Hew Home	$ 3.00
Bethel	20.00	New Hope	2.00
Bethsaida	5.00	New Harmony	5.00
Bethany	2.00	Pleasant Hill	5.00
Corinth	5.00	Pleasant Grove	10.00
Christiana	5.00	Providence	5.00
Heflin	15.00	Ramah	10.00
Hepsaba	5.00	Salt Creek	4.00
Mt. Moriah	5.00	Union	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	1.50	Jenifer	5.00

Prayer by W. T. Davis in behalf of the messengers and for the success of the effort.

Report on Destitution was read and tabled. [See Appendix H.] Sung "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by brother J. M. Barrette and the body adjourned to Thursday, 9 a. m.

THIRD DAY.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Sung "Jesus lover of my soul." Prayer by Rev. J. A. Shadix,

Read and adopted the report of Executive Committee.

On motion changed the time of the meeting of this body until Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1892.

Suspended the regular order of business and took up a collection to aid Bethany and Mt. Olive churches in building. Clerk failed to get the amount raised for the church.

On motion agreed to hold the next session of this body with Mt. Moriah church.

On motion the Devotional committee were requested to appoint brethren to preach the Introductory Sermon at next session of this body.

Devotional committee reported Revs. W. O. Jenkins and J. D. Johnson to preach at 11 a. m. to-day; brethren J. A. Shadix and H. C. Knight to preach the next Introductory Sermon; brethren W. J. Campbell and J. D. Johnson delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following brethren were appointed to the Baptist State Convention: Revs. T. H. Howle, W. H. Preston, W. M. Garrette and Bro. J. C. Bean.

Bro. F. M. Dempsey reassured the Association of its welcome to Union Church and vicinty, requested the prayers of the body in their behalf and desired all to visit them again, which was ably responded to by Rev. T. H. Howle in behalf of the Association.

After singing "Oh for a closer walk with God," extending the parting hand, and prayer in behalf of the churches by Rev. J. M. Barrette, the body adjourned to meet with Mt. Moriah church, two miles Southeast of Delta, Ala., at 11 a. m. on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1892.

W. M. GARRETTE, MODERATOR.

J. H. FULLERTON, Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved (1), That we commend the church at New Hope for contending for the true doctrine, and excluding a preacher of heresy.

Resolved (2), That we request each pastor in this association to hold at least one centenary meeting, and preach one centenary sermon at their churches during the month of January, and take up a collection to aid in re-enforcing our foreign fields with a hundred missionaries.

Resolved (3), That we do not think it advisable of any church to intrude on the territory sacred to another by organizing and establishing churches on ground so adjacent and already occupied by thriving and prosperous churches.

Resolved (4), That the minutes be distributed pro-rata according to amount of money sent up by each church, after allowing the clerk $10.00 for his services.

Resolved (5), That instead of marking absentees we leave off the names of absent delegates from the minute.

Resolved (6), That our several churches be requested to take up a collection in April next for the benefit of ministerial education.

Resolved (7), That the moderator appoint a committee to see all the delinquent churches and report at our next session.

Resolved (8), That the hearty thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to Union church and vicinity for their generous hospitality extended us during our stay with them.

Resolved (9), That we disapprove of any messenger, or minister of this Association leaving during the session, and that the roll be called the last day and all who have left without being excused by the Moderator shall be marked absent.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved (1), That any member of this Association in good standing may consider himeelf a correspondent to any Association he may visit.

Resolved (2), That we allow the clerk $10.00 for his services, and the balance be apportioned for minutes.

Resolved (3), That this Association is in profound sympathy with all movements which look to the suppression of the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved (4), That we recommend our churches to exclude from their fellowship any member who in any way aids in the making, selling or licensing of ardent spirits.

Resolved (5), That it is the sense of this Association that the reported desecration of the Sabbath day by members going to and from market is totally a variance with the sacred scriptures, and should not be tolerated.

Resolved (6), That each minister of this Association be requested to have as many as two appointments each month during the next Associational year.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

A. F. Allen, DeArmanville
W. N. Almon, Heflin
W. W. Adams, Kentuck
J. M. Barrette, Ironaton
J. W. Bates, Anniston
J. W. Chandler, Eastaboga
W. J. Campbell, Chulafinne
J. T. Dameron, Jenifer
T. H. Howle, Delta
M. S. Stephens, East Lake
C. C. Barrette, Jenifer
J. J. Teague, Arbacoochee
W. M. Garrette, Oaklone
E. T. Thompson, Anniston
H. C. Knight, Black's Store
E. Miller, Oaklone
G. W. Owens, Kentuck
W. H. Preston, Rocky Mt
J. W. Stephens, Black's Store
H. H. Stephens, Delta
J. A. Sadix, Shinbone
M. V. Stidham, DeArmanville
J. C. Taylor, Heflin
J. C. Jackson, Heflin
J. L. Buckhannon, Micaville
J. D. Johnson, Chulafinnee
———Grover, Anniston
———Holden, Anniston

LICENTIATES.

J. N. Williams, Beason's Mills
R. G. Davis, Eastaboga
Wm. Odell, Oxford
A. Garmon, DeArmanville
Henry Humphries, Alexandria
A. D. Jones, DeArmanville
John Ray, DeArmanville
C. G. Crowder, Anniston
L. P. Hardnet, Christiana
P. T. Chandler, Oxford
R. G. Davis, Heflin
D. B. Hicks, Heflin
J. S. Moore, Black's Store
R. J. Wade, Kentuck
J. A. Wright, Kentuck

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

Destitution—F. M. Dempsey, S. W. Stewart, E. Stansell.

Home Missions—W. H. Preston, T. J. McClintock, T. H. Howle.

Foreign Missions—J. C. Taylor, J. D. Johnson, F. J. Ingram.

Sabbath School—W. J. Campbell, W. E. Reagan, E. J. Reid.

Temperance—T. H. Howle, William Humphries, C. H. Mason.

Publications—J. W. Stephens, Thos. J. Mitchell, J. T. Thrower.

Obituaries—E. Miller, J. T. Thompson, W. H. Medlock.

Answer Queries—J. A. Shadix, H. C. Knight, J. H. Armstrong.

State Missions—W. U. Alman, J. M. Snow, E. T. Abel.

Executive Committee—T. J. McClintock, J. C. Bean, Stephen Nixon.

Committee to visit delinquent churches—W. N. Bean, T. J. Millsaps, W. W. Payne.

CORRESPONDENTS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Coosa River—Brethren J. M. Barrette, J. C. Bean, E. L. Raynes J. M. Snow, W. N. Bean, W. H. Medlock, C. C. Barrette.

Arbacooche—J. F. Buchanan, J. F. Cain, M. Z. Prestridge, T. H. Howle, J. W. Hooten, C. M. S. Smith, W. H. Preston.

Carey—W. H. Preston, J. A. Shadix, C. C. Barrette, W. M. Garrette, F. J. Ingram, J. F. Preston, A. M. Smith.

Harmony—Revs. T. H. Howle, J. C. Taylor, W. H. Preston, W. J. Campbell and brethren E. J. Reid, S. I. McDowell, John T. Thrower.

APPENDIX.

A—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools make the following report: We find a decrease in the number of schools this year, which we are sorry to report. We are not surprised to see such anti-missionary spirit in our bounds, when we see so much carelessness among the churches in the interest of Sabbath Schools, for they go hand in hand.

J. C. TAYLOR, Chr.

B—TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance submit the following report: We are sorry to say that we fear some of our brethren are yet engaged in the use and traffic of that God dishonoring, soul destroying stuff called whiskey. Oh let us look at the disadvantages of intemperance, the many lives that have been destroyed on account of the use of ardent spirits; let us again call your attention to the orphans and insane asylums, the jails and penitentiaries, and we will see that they are crowded with its victims; let us again remember that hundreds of lives are destroyed each year. Oh think of the great number of homes that are filled with shame and sorrow of weeping mothers and starving children. Oh will not God's people see this great evil, reform and lay the example that will bring sunshine and peace, expel darkness and drive it from our land? Oh let the writer ask all Christians who may read this essay to continue to go to God in prayer that he may remove this great evil from amongst us.

W. H. PRESTON, Chr.

C—REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

We earnestly request our brethren to read the Scriptures more; and recommend the following papers: The Alabama

Baptist, a Baptist paper published at Winona, Miss., The Texas Baptist Herald, The Home Field, The State Mission Quarterly and The Foreign Mission Journal.

We recommend to our Sabbath Schools the Kind Words series of literature.

T. J. McClintock, Chr.

D—REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries submit the following report: Through the mercies of an all-wise Providence we are blessed with the privilege of meeting this time without having to record the death of any of our Deacons or Ministerial Brethren.

W. J. Campbell, Chr.

E—REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We your committee on home missions make the following report: We find that the home missions board is doing a grand work in this southern land of ours in spreading the Gospel. We find that one missionary in Cuba, to-wit: Bro. Dias, is doing a grand work. In less than six months he has baptized and received for baptism more than one hundred and fifty. The cry from every part of the island is, we want the gospel, but we have not the means to support the laborers in the field.

We find that the board is doing a noble work in christianizing the red man. Brethren they are calling on us for help and we should send the gospel to them.

E. Miller, Chr.

F—REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

With gratitute to God, we learn by culling the report of our corresponding secretary of state, that God's blessings are resting upon the effort and that uninterrupted prosperity has marked our work. A decided advance in contributions from all the boards gives elasticity to state enterprise. The information now being disseminated among the churches is dispelling ignorance and removing

prejudice, and the denomination is much enthused. Our preachers are converted as was Peter about preaching the pure word and commands of Christ to spread the gospel to earth's remotest bounds.

Men employed 218; churches constituted 15; No. of persons baptized 279; Sunday Schools organized 39; No. of regular preaching stations without churches 106.

Ballance at last report	$1327.47
Amount received	8795.16
	$10,122.63

Amount paid missionaries	$6353.97
Alabama is requested to give for State Missions	15000.00
For Home Missions	6500.00
Foreign Missions	8500.00
The Boiling Spring Association is asked for	200.00

J. M. BARRETTE, Chr.

G—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our age is the only one in the world's history when God's people have attempted to spread the truth over the whole face of the earth. This is because ours is the only age in which have existed the providential conditions to render such an undertaking possible. These conditions are, access to all people, means sufficient for the enterprise, a free people, numerous and powerful, whose shibboleth is, thus saith the Lord. Conditions other than these, however, are necessary for this achievement. This was illustrated in the opening of the Christian era, when the Messiah's incarnation furnished the most favorable conditions of Providence for the progress of his ancient people; but they lacked conditions of a spiritual kind, and the age that dawned upon them with glory, went down upon them in gloom. Christian conditions essential to the end contemptated by our missionary age are such as these: The *minister* of the Gospel must realize that he was called to publish the glad tidings of salva-

tion, which are to all people, before he was called to the pastorate of any church. Hence when he becomes a pastor in a Christian land he should make his labors, his prayers, and his success, bear upon the fulfillment of his original vocation from God.

The local church must realize, that while it is independent of other local churches, it is an integral part of the great whole, which is the light of the world. Therefore all the activities of church life should have regard to the universal illumination by the Sun of Righteousness. Pastor and people must realize these facts: That the underlying doctrine of revelation is the Messiah, living, dying, interceding, returning and reigning; that the distinctive feature of our Gospel era, is the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and that through our faith and prayer and labor, his power may accomplish great things in the way of getting God's people to realize the all comprehending Messianic truth of the Bible, and of subordinating the providential conditions of our age to the universating of the Messiah's reign. Where now God blaspheming paganism is protected by goverment, and entrenched in 800,000.000 lives, instead of one man and one dollar being sent, there would be 500 men and 500 dollars, where, in a population of 60,000.000, there are 75,000 Christian churches, with a membership of 11,000.000, whose aggregate wealth is 11 billions, the annual surplus of whose interest, after all expenditures including $80,000 for church matters are deducted, is $460,000.000. Remember that the end contemplated for the glory of our missionary age is not the conversion of mankind, but the giving of the Gospel to the human race.

Foreign mission is progressing with sure and steady step. A century ago, Cary stood alone in Burmah; to-day the field is dotted by the score. The Southern Baptists are occupying China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. We have missionaries: thirty-eight males, forty-eight females, natives unordained 53, churches organized 67, members 2377, baptized last year 361. Foreign Missions is no longer a question, it is declared by the Bible

and New Testament doctrine commission, and the happy results already achieved. Our missionaries are working hard, hazarding life and all that is dear to them in their native climes, to carry out the divine command, "Preach the Gospel to every nation, every creature." Are we sustaining the very few who have gone hence? Are we attempting to reinforce them? According to the report of our corresponding secretary, we are in areas, and that the board has been forced to borrow money to meet past and present liabilities. And as 1892 is the centenary of modern missions, will we not rise in the strength of an Elijah's God to carry out the marching orders of Jesus, the great head of the church, to evangelize the world? The harvest is great, the laborers are few. Send forth, Oh Lord, more *laborers* to the harvest. We frequently hear of mighty outpourings of the Holy Spirit in heathen lands. One of the most encouraging accounts comes from Dr. Clough who has been in India twenty-five years. He says, on Sunday 8th, at Telugu, after interesting services, Drs. Mabie and Waterman baptized 97 converts; on Monday the 9th we started to our camp a distance of about forty miles. Then commenced a series of meetings never to be forgotten, and in the afternoon Drs. Mabie and Waterman baptized 584 upon a profession of their faith in Jesus, and the next 160 more were baptized, and before we returned home 1645 had been baptized, making the number of baptisms, since the new year began, aggregate 1742. In all the Telugu stations, there have been more than 5000 baptisms in five months.

In Ling Ching Ting, after the missionary had preached, a heathen approached him, and said, "You did not know I was present when you said Jesus (of whom I have never heard before) could save me from all my sins; I have been a gambler, a sorcerer, a licentiate, an opium smoker, and every one knows a habit of twenty years indulgence in opium smoking is so confirmed that it can not be cured." The Missionary, Mr. Binkley, said "Yes, I say now, that Jesus can save you from all your sins." After a hard struggle with sin he was converted, and cured of his opium habit

He went to Hok Chiang his native home to tell them of Jesus. Many were turned to Jesus through his humble efforts. He was finally caught and sentenced by his enemies to two thousand stripes on his naked back with a bamboo. When he was brought to the mission premises he said to his teacher, "This poor body is in great pain just now," but my inside heart has great peace. If I get up from here, you will let me go back to Hok Chiang." He recovered and carried out his purposes, and had the pleasure of seeing some of his persecuters converted. He preached fourteen years, and when dying slowly repeated the words

> Resting on Jesus my heart has no fear,
> I shall reach heaven, my evidence is clear.

To give a synopsis of all the work would be too tedious. Suffice to say, that much has been done, and very much more remains to be done before we possess the heathen for Christ. We invoke God's blessings upon the attempt we may make, that we may have the heathen for our inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth for a habitation. All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. H. Howle, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF BOILING SPRING ASSOCIATION, 1891.

Churches.	County.	Pastors.	Post-office.	Clerk's Address.	Membership last Reported.	Increased by			Decreased by			Present Membership.	Sab. of Meeting.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Holding Sabbath Schools.	Foreign Mission.	Indian.	Bible Colportage.
						Restoration.	Baptism.	Letter.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Dead.								
Bethlehem	Cleburne	A. F. Allen	DeArmanville	J. M. Snow, Oxford	151	2	5	2	6	6		148	2	$ 2 50	$ 7 00	S			
Bethel	Clay	W. M. Garrette	Oaklone	E. H. Armstrong, Oaklone	111	2	13	7	14	3		126	2	2 50	2 00		$ 2 25	$ 50	$ 1 00
Bethsaida	Cleburne	J. D. Johnson	Chulafinnee	Jacob Pirkle, Abel	90		1	6	12		1	72	4	1 50			1 10		
Bethany		H. C. Knight	Black's Store	L. R. Turner, Chulafinnee	22		6	3	1	1		29	2	1 00		S			
Chulafinnee				Not Represented															
Corinth		J. D. Johnson	Chulafinnee	J. M. Hendon, Chulafinnee	25	2	3		3		1	23	4	1 00		S			
Christiana	Randolph	W. H. Preston	Rocky Mt	W. P. Newell,	86				4		1	81	4	1 50					
Ebenezer	Talladega			Not Represented															
Good Water																			
Good Hope	Clay	T. H. Howle	Delta	W. E. Reagan, Delta	32		2	3	1			36	4	1 00	2 50				
Heflin	Cleburne	W. H. Preston	Rocky Mt	J. C. Bean, Heflin	40	2	1	8	7	1		43	2	1 25	4 00	S	4 00	4 00	
Hepsabah				J. H. Howle, Oakfuskee	77	4	23	10	12			99	3	1 50					
Jenifer	Talladega	J. G. Hall	Munford	R. M. Kitchen, Jenifer						2	1	31		1 35					
Lime Hill		J. W. Chandler	Eastaboga	W. G. Raughton, Oxford	56	1	2	5	5	3	3	53	3	1 00		S			
Liberty				Not Represented															
Mt. Moriah	Clay	W. H. Preston	Rocky Mt	A. M. Smith, Rocky, Mt	102		5	1		3		105	1	1 75		S			
Mt. Olive		J. A. Shadix	Shinbone	W. J. Clarke, Mad Indian			2	2	1			27	3	80					
Mt. Pisgah	Cleburne	J. W. Chandler	Eastaboga	P. T. Chandler,			1	1		2		18	4	1 00		S			
New Home	Clay	T. H. Howle	Delta	J. T. Mitchell, Delta	37		7		8			36	2	1 00	2 00				
New Hope	Calhoun	Noah Stephens	Morrisville	M. V. Stedham, DeArmanville		3		2		1		89	3	1 50	3 00				
New Harmony	Cleburne	W. J. Campbell	Chulafinne	A. W. Williams, Heflin	52	2	6	6	4	2		66	1	1 00		S			
Pleasant Hill		W. H. Wright		L. N. Morris, Beason's Mills	130		3		15			118	1	1 50					
Pleasant Grove	Clay	W. M. Worthy		Wm. McCrary,	110		2	5	10		2	105	2	1 50	1 65		1 90		
Providence	Talladega	J. T. Rice	Ironaton	J. T. Millsapps, Ironaton	42		12	4	5	1	1	51	3	1 50	1 10		1 00		
Pine Grove	Calhoun	J. W. Bates	Anniston	C. G. Crowder, Anniston	46		17	14	12	2	1	62	2	1 00					
Ramah	Clay	W. H. Preston	Rocky Mt	J. H. Fullerton, Delta	101		6	3	8		1	101	3	2 00	2 25				
Salt Creek	Talladega	P. W. Milner	Oxford	J. A. Wright, Kentuck	76		11	2	13	2	1	73	3	1 00					
Union	Clay	J. A. Shadix	Shinbone	W. J. Davis, Shinbone	68	1	6	3	1	1	1	75	2	1 50				50	
Total					1454	19	134	87	142	30	14	1667		$33 15	$25 50	8	$10 25	$5 00	$1 00

[NOTE.—The printer inadvertently omitted to put the following matter in its proper place before the books were made, which accounts for its occurring here.]

H—REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, submit the following: Not having been memorialized, as was provided at our last session, we have done nothing in the way of mission enterprise in our boundary. JOHN M. SNOW, Chr.

I—REPORT ON DESTITUTIONS.

Your committee report that Liberty and Good Water are destitute and not represented. J. A. SHADIX, Chr.

J—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee submit the following report: We find for

Home and Indian Missions	$ 8 50
Foreign Missions	10 25
State Missions	16 00
Missions	6 50
Bible and Colportage	1 00
Minutes	32 65
	$74 90

J. F. PRESTON, Chr.

K—TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.	Oct. 1, 1890.	To amt. on hand Indigent Ministers' Fund,		$11 45
		To interest on $11 45		91
	Oct. 1, 1891.	To amount received Sept. 30, 1891,		8 70
		To amt, rec'd from Fin. Com. for Missions		6 50
		" " "	Foreign "	10 12
		" " "	Home "	8 50
		" " "	State "	16 00
		For Bible and Colportage		1 00
		For Minutes		32 00
				$95 96

CR. Amt. paid Clerk for Minutes $32 65

A. M. SMITH, Treasurer.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order and shall have the right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with his decision or any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet; and, on obtaining leave, proceed to speak not exceeding fifteen minutes at any time, without leave from the Association.

6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or use words of personal reflection; and every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by him that made it.

8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be first decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

9. When anything is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays.

10. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision of the body immediately after it is decided.

11. No person shall depart during the services of the Association without leave.

12. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in our addresses to each other.

13. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. No brother shall be allowed to indulge in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in time of public speech.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoints some other to his seat while he is speaking, but shall not vote unless the Association is equally divided.

16. Any person breaking this Decorum shall be reproved at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day breach is made.

17. All cases coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority of the members present, except the reception of churches in our union which shall be unanimous.

18. The Rules of Decorum shall be read at the opening of each session of this body.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The ordained and licensed ministers, together with the lay members who are regular chosen delegates, and who are in good standing in our union, shall compose this Association. Ministers are not considered as delegates, but are considered as members, and have the same privilege of debate and vote as other members and of performing any other duty assigned them by the body.

II. The members so chosen shall produce letters or other evidences from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the state of their churches since their last representation.

III. The members thus chosen and convened shall be called the Boiling Spring Baptist Association.

IV. The Association shall sit as an advisory council, and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe on the internal right of the churches, but shall have power to withdraw from any church proved to be unsound in faith and practice according to the Scripture; and any church that fails to represent itself for two associational meetings shall be deemed in disorder. It shall then be the duty of the Association to appoint two or more brethren to visit said church to ascertain the cause of its delinquency, and to report the same to the next Association.

V. If one church commits an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender; and if it fails to obtain satisfaction, it shall call the aid of two or more sister churches; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, the aggrieved church may lay the case before the Association for advice; and if a serious difficulty should arise in an individual church, which after due labor, it cannot reconcile, it may call to its aid two or more churches of its union; and if the difficulty be not then removed, it shall be the duty of the church to bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon as above prescribed; but the Association shall take cognizance of no case unless a due course of procedure shall have been taken,

VI. Any church desiring admittance into this union shall petition by letter and messengers, and, if found orthodox, shall be received by the Association through the Moderator's giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

VII. Each church in our union shall have three delegates until it has fifty members, and then one additional delegate for every twenty-five members after the first fifty.

VIII. Any church has a right to authorize any brother over whom it has jurisdiction to exercise in public, if, in its judgment, it may deem him worthy; but in licensing we recommend the churches to call to their aid experienced members from other churches. In case of ordination we recommend that two or more ordained ministers be called to aid in the same and that a report be made at the next Association.

IX. This Association may correspond with any Baptist benevolent institution she may deem expedient, and shall be considered a co-worker with all the missionary enterprises of the day, as far as authorized or required by the Scripture.

X. This Association shall have power at the convening of each session to elect a Moderator and Clerk, who shall hold office until the next regular election.

XI. Any amendment may be made to this form of Constitution at any time when two-thirds of the Association may deem it expedient.

XII. Any church wishing a letter of dismission shall make application therefor by letter.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES AND PROOF TEXTS.

1. We believe in only one true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, these three in one.—Cor. 8.4; Isa. 44. 6, 45, 5 21; "Thou hast created all things." Rev. 4.11; Gen. 1; Heb 3.4; Jer. 10.12; Ex. 15.11; Isa. 6.3.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only true rule of faith and practice—Proof: 2 Pet. 1.21; Acts, 1.16; 3.21; Rom. 3.2; 2 Tim. 3.16; Heb. 1.2; 2 Pet. 3.16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Proof: Rom. 5:12; 14.19; Gen. 3. 6-24; Ps. 51.5.

4. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and holiness.—Proof: Eph. 2 1-3; Isa. 53.6; Gal. 3.10-22; Rom. 3.19.

5. We belive in the doctrine of election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truths.—John 3.16; Eph. 2.4-10; 1 John 4.10; Phil. 2 6-7; Heb. 2.15-16.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Jesus Christ—Proof: Tit. 3.7; Phil. 3.9; Rom. 5, 1-5-9; Gal. 2, 16-19.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and not finally fall away.—Proof: Matt. 10:22; John 10.28-29; 4.14-17; 2. 7.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ and that believers are the only proper subjects; and that immersion only is baptism.—Proof: Matt. 28.10; Acts 2.42; Mark 1.4-9.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.—Proof: Acts 24.15; Luke 14.14; John 5.28; Matt. 13.49; 24.31; 25.32.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.—Proof: Matt. 25.26; Ps. 9.17; Dan. 12.2.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as has been called of God, and regularly baptized and approved by the church, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

12. We believe that none but believers have a right to the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

P. S. The Clerks should be very careful in making statistic of their churches and should give the names of superintendents of Sunday Schools, enrollment and average attendance; also names of ordained and licensed ministers very legibly, as from this source is complied statistics of the State Convention and Baptist Year Book, &c.

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